

PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP
CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP

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Meeting # 6

April 28 , 2005

Pinedale BLM, Pinedale Field Office Conference Room

Attendance: Clint Gilchrist (resident, CLG), Jonita Sommers, (rancher, teacher) Fred Linton (OCTA, secretary for working group), Fern Linton, (OCTA) Dave Vlcek, ((BLM,PFO), Kierson Crume and Dennis Foley (Questar) on conference call .

Task group chair: Clint Gilchrist

Minutes: Fred Linton

Handouts: 1. Minutes of February 3 and April 12 , 2005 meeting
 2. Attendance sheet
 3. Meeting Agenda
 4. Monitoring Element (10 pages) From 6.0 through 6.10

Meeting began 5:10 pm , Minutes of the Feb 3 , and April 12 , 2005 meeting were reviewed and minutes of April 3 ,2005 had minor change of incorrect date in the minutes showing the date as Friday May 27 as the May meeting . Correct date is Thursday May 26 , 2005 both meeting minutes were then approved .

Clint gave us a review of the PAWG meeting of March 2 and 3 ,2005 where PAWG wanted format of our presentation changed which was done and presented at the PAWG meeting of March 15 , 2005 . PAWG met on April 21 , 2005 and liked our proposal . The bad news was that there is \$ 300 to 350 thousand dollars available and priority for this money is wildlife , water and air . Proposals are to be presented to BLM in the near future . The next PAWG meeting is scheduled for May 19 , 2005 . PAWG would like to start this year , 2005 , on 6.1 , 6.3 and 6.5 of our monitoring plan .

First on the agenda was Funding and Implementation of the following items :

1. Monitoring Important Archeological and Historical Sites
2. Lander Trail Monitoring
3. Geomorphology and Soils Studies
4. Database Analysis
5. Public Education and Awareness
6. Appenndix E Programmatic Agreement
7. Education of Artifact Collecting Rules
8. Encourage Archaeological Excavations

Discussion of our monitoring plan began. Although the main PAWG did not see 6.2 and 6.6 as a priority for this year , there are some areas of these sections that we still feel need to be addressed this year. Regarding 6.2, the Lander trail, there is a PA with Shell , Ultra , OCTA , and the BLM. The BLM has not seen any of the mitigation monies. There is a need for base line monitoring of the trail ASAP before the well construction season begins. Some of our recommendations will be covered with the mitigation monies ,others are possible with cooperation of SHPO . One being the monitoring video of the Lander trail. Perhaps money would be available from the county to help with this project. Dennis suggests we try to get some cost estimates of our projects before looking for funding. One of the expenses we see for the first year would be a video digital camera and film cartridges so that we could get volunteers to get out on the trail in late May or early June and get baseline date for the beginning of the 2005 season. If we have concrete details of costs we can approach particular community agencies or groups to help fund these projects.

Monitoring plan 6.6 deals with an overall programmatic agreement that has been worked on but never ratified. We feel that although there is little cost to the PAWG to have this plan implemented we should make recommendations to pursue the possibilities to getting this ratified by contacting SHPO to see where the process fits into their goals for this year.

To summarise these areas Clint feels we could do a little work on all of our areas. First we could do a video or photo monitoring of Lander Trail with the use of volunteers. The actual Trail is 11 miles across the Anticline area with about 6 to 8 miles of this being high impact with oil and gas development. If we felt we could get the original company that made the test video perhaps we could investigate funding on a per diem basis for the person to come and make the education video of the Trail. We also need to contact SHPO about the PA. We could propose to melt some of the 6.2 recommendations into 6.1 which would put it into the priorities for the 2005 season. The same would be for 6.5 which would fit into some areas of 6.3. Other action as part of our plan is to investigate some immediate funding through OCTA and Questar. Clint, Dave and Kiersen will get together and make a list of other archeological and cultural sites that need some baseline monitoring for this year. We will tentatively plan to go out and photo these sites the end of May. We need to plan a way to develop a site check list and then at the end of each season we need to develop a reporting system summarizing the changes or lack of changes during the monitoring period. We feel that the Native Americans need to be informed about our plans so that they may have some input as to what and how and who is involved in this process. If they want to do some of the monitoring themselves there may be a cost and then we need to address funding for this. Dave may be able to provide more information for us by next meeting. We came up with a off the cuff number of about \$2,000 a year to cover misc. expenses for some of these projects. What kind of working hours would be involved for BLM to commit to this per year. Perhaps about 80 to 100 hours yearly.

6.3 Geomorphology and Soils Studies: this plan is to pigtail our needs and suggestions onto a study that is already planned by the NRCS. Their needs may not completely satisfy our needs so Dave and Dennis will plan to meet with the NRCS and see what we can do to complement the plan. It is the understanding that this study may not happen until 06 season. The total area is 210,000 acres that is involved. And we are only interested in the actual Anticline area. We need to find out what kind of costs would be involved to tack on additional studies for data needed from the BLM cultural aspect. These studies can be used as a predictive tool in the monitoring process for cultural sites. 6.4 Data base analysis then becomes an important part of this process. Over the years the BLM has accumulated a mass of data of identified sites and using soil studies in conjunction with this data would become a valuable predictive tool. At present there is no plan or personnel at BLM in Pinedale to do this data base analysis. Possible solutions would be to recommend hiring another employee to work directly with this data and provide funding through PAWG recommendations or perhaps advertise for someone working on a masters or PhD degree that would be willing to spend some time out here compiling this data. This project is an academic project so we need to make the academic field aware of our needs on this subject. Dave and Kiersen will attend a archeological conference and look into advertising this project. Some other ideas are to send a letter to university archeological departments outlining our needs. Or perhaps an half page ad in a trade journal. Dennis feels that the Museum in Denver would be interested in knowing about this area also. Funding might be needed to cover costs of mailings, postage, paper, printing, etc.

6.6 PA with BLM and SHPO where all the ground work has been done so that all that needs to be done is to reopen discussion with the concerned agencies and update the agreement.

6.7 Artifact collecting rules: One of the first steps to implement this plan is the placement of more signs in strategic places. Signs are available but time is needed to place them. Organization of a volunteer base would be helpful to get these placed. Other objectives within this section would be to notify other law enforcement agencies that may come into contact with the general public that may be violating some of these rules.

6.5 Public Education and Awareness: Some areas to address would take BLM personal time to present talks to the general public and to get into the schools. Other ideas would take a more professional approach with the development of an informational brochure for the general public and travelers in specific. Another

aspect of this could be the development of audio tapes for a auto tour route. This area may already be in the planning stages but we are not sure how directly it will approach the specific area of historic or cultural information,.

Group members will take each recommendation and ideas and check on costs and get more information before the May 26 meeting. Jonita will check on Teaching Kits to be used in the school systems. Clint will check out about educational booklets. Kiersen will get some information about road informational signs and design. Dave and Dennis will try to meet with NRCS . Fern will call Edna Kennell , a OCTA board member, and ask about funding help for small items. Dave made us aware of Archeology month in Sept.. and that it would be nice to get Pinedale involved .

Time was given for any public comment and none was given. We congratulate Clint for a job well done and for all his time and work.

Next scheduled meeting will be May 26, 2005 5:00 pm at the Pinedale Field Office of the BLM.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

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Minuets submitted by Fred Linton.